

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:603
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OPIUM CULTIVATION
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total annual earnings of the Union Government from opium cultivation;
- (b) whether various organizations are demanding to stop auction of opium; and
- (c) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. S. PALANIMANICKAM)

- (a) The total earnings from opium cultivation during the last 5 years are given below:

2001-02	Rs. 13,883.00 lakhs
2002-03	Rs. 12,982.00 lakhs
2003-04	Rs. 12,687.07 lakhs
2004-05	Rs. 08,149.12 lakhs
2005-06	Rs. 05,486.00 lakhs

- (b) No, Sir. Opium is not put to any auction.
- (c) Does not arise.